

<b>FOI REF:</b>	14738
<b>RESPONSE SENT:</b>	11/10/2024

**Request:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding council tax arrears in your jurisdiction

**1. Total Number of Council Tax Arrears Cases**

a) Please provide the total number of council tax accounts that are currently in arrears as of the date of this request, regardless of whether they have been referred for legal recovery

b) Additionally, please provide the total amount of council tax owed across all accounts in arrears identified in part 1a

**2. Top Three Largest Council Tax Arrears by Individual Accounts** Please provide the top three biggest outstanding council tax arrears owed by account holders as of the date of this request. For each of the three cases, please include:

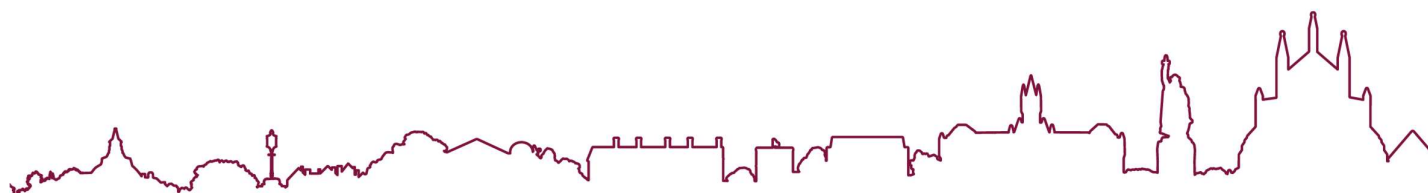
- The arrears amount
- The length of time since the debt was first referred to recovery or legal action
- The first three digits of the postcode where the account is registered (or, if the area is sparsely populated, the first two digits; if this would still be too revealing of personal data, I'm happy for you to omit this part of the question)

**3. Referral to Legal Proceedings.** How many council tax arrears cases were referred to court for the issuance of liability orders in the financial years a) 2022/23 and b) 2023/24?

**4. Use of Bailiffs.** Please provide the number of council tax arrears **cases referred to bailiffs for recovery in a) 2022/23 and b) 2023/24.**

**Response****1. Total Number of Council Tax Arrears Cases**

- a. 4363
- b. £5,216,147.24

**2. 3 Accounts:**

25052.42	2011	SO30
22104.12	2009	SO23
20629.9	2011	SO23

### 3. Liability Orders

- a. 2022/23 2027
- b. 2023/24 2395

### 4. Enforcement Agent Referrals

- a. 1,503
- b. 2,151

